

## **Transcript: The Courage to Move 1,346 Miles to Go to Massage School**

My name is Milton Payne and I'm from the Virgin Islands US, Virgin Islands, the Island that I'm from is St.

Croix.

A lot of people see me that they think that I'm like 20 something you know.

But I'm actually just 18 making 19 in June.

I've never been away from home by myself this long, well actually never been away from home period.

I came here for school and to start traveling with my friend.

I feel very supported, like they understand where you coming from and I'm not sure how other schools might do it, but then they might be like College style like you're on your own, you have to figure it out by yourself.

Like that so, but this school is a lot different, like they see that you missed a day they can help you make up that day and you don't have to wear a uniform because you know when you're in high school it's uniform all the time.

Well, depending on what school you go to, but I would say wearing whatever you want and not being told, what to do and you know they're giving you options or suggestions that you do things I prefer that, instead of being told what to do all the time.

I really like to help people feel better because I understand that people are tense and stressed all the time so I really like giving massages I feel like giving is a purpose for me so you can, you know, connect with someone personally as a client and a therapist.

I was gonna do marine biology, but I mean I still love ocean and stuff.

I swim a lot so I still like research ocean life and all of that and swim a lot.

I just didn't see myself doing College for Marine biology.

After graduation I plan to start working at a spa because I wanna do relaxation massage and then just save up for the things that I really need in life and then by next year I'm gonna move to Orlando and then me and my friend I'm gonna start saving up so we can start traveling every other year.

I would miss the vibes here because the vibes here is like very calm and settling you can just relax and you could be stressing, but you can still be calm here.

This is the Flag for my home yeah, I just wear it all the time because they always say never forget where you're from so that's, one thing I made a promise to myself don't forget where I'm from even though I move far far away.

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